

THE EVOLUTION OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY: A CANADIAN SNAPSHOT

1797

LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA IS FOUNDED

Becomes model for self-governing legal societies worldwide

19TH CENTURY

1800s

ROOTS OF AUTHORITATIVE LEGAL PUBLISHERS WHO WILL BECOME PART OF LEXISNEXIS®

1818 – Henry Butterworths founds Butterworths® in London, U.K.

1866 – Matthew Bender® is founded in Albany, NY

1868 – Martindale-Hubbell® is created in Summit, NJ

1873 – Shepard's® is founded in Chicago, IL

1875

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA CREATED

Will help shape law and policy as technology evolves in Canada

1881

EARLY DICTAPHONE TECHNOLOGY INVENTED BY ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

Technology would evolve into wax recording, magnetic tapes, and mini-cassettes, used to record legal notes and courtroom proceedings

1889

OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL LIBRARY FOUNDED

Introduces library blog *Off the Shelf* in 2008

20TH CENTURY

1912

BUTTERWORTHS & CO. (CANADA) LTD. INCORPORATED IN WINNIPEG, MB

Leading publisher will introduce print and CD-ROM titles for legal, accounting, and other professionals

1973

QUICKLAW® INCORPORATED BY QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY LAW PROFESSORS HUGH LAWFORD AND RICHARD VON BRIESEN

One of the world's first online legal research services, Quicklaw revolutionizes how legal research is conducted

1979

GLOBE AND MAIL PRODUCES FIRST ELECTRONIC CONTENT

Introduces electronic paywall in 2012

1982

CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Charter will later influence online right to privacy for Canadians

PCLAW® CREATED BY STEVEN MCMURRAY AND RON PLASHKES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

PCLaw launches smartphone app in 2012

1996

CANADIAN COMPANY BLACKBERRY® INTRODUCES FIRST WIRELESS HANDHELD DEVICE

Introduces business mobility and revolutionizes how legal professionals conduct business

21ST CENTURY

2006

HALSBURY'S® LAWS OF CANADA LAUNCHED

Recognized as the premier legal reference in the world of common law

2008

JURISCLASSEUR QUÉBEC LAUNCHES IN MONTREAL

New series of French-language encyclopaedias modelled on those in France and Monaco

2011

OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL LIBRARY AND THE LAW COMMISSION OF ONTARIO LAUNCH PROGRAM TO DIGITIZE CONTENT

Reports and studies published by the Ontario Law Reform will be accessible electronically

LEXISNEXIS® E-BOOKS AND QUICKLAW® APP FOR IPHONE® LAUNCHED IN CANADA

Legal professionals can now access trusted research information around the clock from any location

2012

QUICKLAW® FOR MICROSOFT® OFFICE LAUNCHED IN CANADA

Software developed in partnership with Microsoft integrates research directly into desktop applications

2013

LEXIS PRACTICE ADVISOR™ CANADA LAUNCHED

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